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Chapter 7

THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

In re

ADAM GROSSMAN, Debtor.

Case No. 10-19817

MOTION FOR ORDER THAT
PROCEEDING IS ONE UNDER
STOCKBROKER LIQUIDATION
SUBCHAPTER III

COMES NOW the Debtor, by and through his attorney of record Jeffrey B. Wells, and moves the court for an order that, pursuant to the amended petition for bankruptcy, the present Chapter 7 bankruptcy estate is a proceeding under subchapter III 11 U.S.C. section 741 et seq.

FACTUAL BASIS

The Terrington Davies Tanager Fund LP, a Delaware Limited Partnership, the "Fund", was opened in June 2006 and ceased active business in November 2010. The general partner of the Fund was Terrington Davies LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, the "Advisor", and it was formed in the spring of 2006. Adam Grossman and Jeffrey Bernstein were the Managing Members of the Advisor from the start. Jeffrey Bernstein resigned on or about October 2010 and the Debtor Adam Grossman transferred his interest in the Advisor to

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1 Keywest Financial LLC, a Georgia Limited Liability Company, while he was Debtor-in-
2 possession and before the Chapter 11 Trustee assumed his duties. The Advisor has essentially
3 no assets of its own. Neither Mr. Grossman nor Mr. Bernstein received consideration for the
4 sale because, in fact, it had negative value as explained below.

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6 The operating agreement of the Advisor provided that it was owned two-thirds by the
7 Debtor Adam Grossman, and one-third by Jeffrey Bernstein. As the date of the transfer of
8 Terrington Davies to Keywest Financial LLC, Adam Grossman owed it \$18,000 based on a
9 corporate meeting held between Adam Grossman and Jeffery Bernstein in October, 2010,
10 during which the payment of past unpaid accounting costs and future expected costs was
11 estimated and allocated among the Managing Members of the Advisor in the proportions 2/3
12 (Adam Grossman) and 1/3 (Jeffery Bernstein).

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14 The Fund primarily traded SEC regulated broad-based equity index options on the
15 Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE). The Fund filed with and was regulated by the
16 Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The Fund employed a statistical arbitrage strategy
17 and executed trades on behalf of investors in the last year of operation (2010) having an
18 aggregate underlying nominal value of three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000.00). This
19 was a slow year for the fund which had previously executed trades having an aggregate
20 underlying nominal value closer to one half of one billion dollars (\$500,000,000.00).

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22 Adam Grossman, as managing member and agent for Terrington Davies LLC, the
23 Advisor for the Fund, had signatory authorization on the accounts of the Fund. The Fund
24 operated under SEC Regulation D, §504, §505 and §506. From 2006 through 2010, as the agent
25 and managing member of the Advisor to the Fund, the Debtor personally executed transactions
26 of SEC regulated derivatives on behalf of investors.

1 Between 2003 and 2007, the Debtor personally and not as an agent nor through a
2 company personally executed transactions in SEC regulated derivatives in managed accounts
3 which were replaced and obviated by the formation of the limited partnership that allowed the
4 pooled money of multiple investors to be traded through a single entity.

5 LEGAL ARGUMENT

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7 11 U.S.C. section 101(53A) defines stockbroker to be a person “(A) with respect to
8 which there is a customer, as defined in section 751 or this title; and (B) that is engaged in the
9 business of executing transactions and securities (i) for the account of other; (ii) members of
10 the general public from or for such persons own account.”

11 11 U.S.C. section 741(2)(A) defines customer as an “entity with whom a person deals
12 was principal or agent and that has a claim against such person on account of a security
13 received, acquired, or held by such person in the ordinary course of such person’s business as a
14 stockbroker, from or for the securities account or accounts of such entity – (i) for safekeeping;
15 (ii) with a view to sale; (iii) to cover a consummated sale; (iv) pursuant to a purchase; (v) as
16 collateral under a security agreement; or (vi) for the purpose of effecting registration of
17 transfer; and (B) entity that has a claim against a person arising out of – (i) a sale or conversion
18 of a security received, acquired, or held as specified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; or
19 (ii) a deposit of cash, a security, or other property with such person for the purpose of
20 purchasing or selling a security.”
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23 As more fully set forth in the declaration of Adam Grossman, the Debtor served as the
24 agent and managing member for the advisor Terrington Davies LLC, and in addition held
25 monies and made offers in his name on behalf of investors in real estate. He held title interest in
26 accounts in which he had signatory authority which were assets owned by other people in
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1 which he did not have an equitable interest.

2 Wherefore, Debtor respectfully requests that the court enter an order that the present
3 Chapter 7 bankruptcy is a stockbroker liquidation under Subchapter III 11 U.S.C. §741 et seq.

4 Dated this 12th day of January, 2012.

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6 /s/ Jeffrey B. Wells
7 Jeffrey B. Wells, WSBA #6317
8 Attorney for Debtor
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DECLARATION OF ADAM
GROSSMAN IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION CONFIRMING AMENDED
FILING AS STOCKBROKER
LIQUIDATION SUBCHAPTER III

I am the Debtor herein.

I respectfully request that the court approve my motion for an order confirming my amended petition representing that my case should proceed under subchapter III Stockbroker liquidation.

This is based on my greater understanding that this classification more accurately reflects the nature of my business and is better suited to deal with it.

A majority of the income I received during the period from 2003–2010 was that of an asset manager and securities trader.

A very large majority of the assets which I held title interest or had accounts in which I

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1 had signatory authority were assets where I was not the equitable owner, but was rather the
2 manager for other people's money. For example, monies were deposited by investors in the
3 Terrington Davies Tanager Fund LP and were managed by me and my partner Jeffrey
4 Bernstein, as more fully set forth in the motion which accompanies this declaration, which I
5 have read, and which I adopt as part of my declaration as fully set forth herein.

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7 Prior to the formation of the limited partnership in which the assets of many investors
8 could be traded from within a single account, I traded SEC regulated derivatives in the form of
9 managed accounts during which my authority was personal and not in the capacity of an agent
10 or through the capacity of another entity nominally assigned to manage the assets. I actively
11 traded securities in managed accounts from 2003 through 2007 after which the formation of the
12 Fund obviated the need for managed accounts.

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14 I also held monies including earnest deposits, and made offers in my name on behalf of
15 investors in real estate. This activity I did directly and on my own and was separate and apart
16 from the involvement of any company or other entity. Once again, I was investing monies on
17 behalf of clients, just as I was doing for Terrington Davies Tanager Fund LP as a managing
18 member of the general partner Terrington Davies LLC having the title Director, Trading and
19 Strategy. There were never any employees to either the Fund or the Advisor as I and my partner
20 Jeff Bernstein were the only managing members and did all of the work. There was a standard
21 industry agreement 2/20 (2% of assets under management and 20% of profits) by which the
22 Advisor as general partner controlled assets, determined investments and executed transactions.
23 As Director of Trading and Strategy, I personally executed every single transaction throughout
24 the lifetime of the fund (approximately 30,000 transactions).

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26 The same two-entity structure whereby one entity (Fund) held client assets and the other
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1 entity (Advisor) consisted of people who managed the assets of the Fund through a fee-based
2 management agreement, typically based on the size and performance of the assets under
3 management, was used in the Fund/Advisor structure for the Ptarmigan Fund LLC and
4 Terrington Davies Capital Management LLC.

5 I did for a short time manage the assets of the Ptarmigan Fund (a fund designed to
6 invest in real estate) before closing it due to the timing of its creation and my recent divorce.
7 The Ptarmigan Fund did, during its existence, hold community funds belonging to me and my
8 now ex-wife as well as funds of another outside investor.

10 I have reviewed the definition of customer under 11 U.S.C. section 741 2(a) and (b) and
11 believe that the investors who dealt with me met the criteria of customers set forth in nearly
12 each and every provision of that definition. I managed my customer's property, directly or
13 indirectly through the companies I and my partners controlled. I held property of others for
14 safekeeping, with a view to sale, pursuant to a purchase, as collateral under a security
15 agreement, and for the purpose of effecting registration of transfer.

17 In fact, consistent with the partnership agreement which explicitly provided that the
18 Advisor could be used as a conduit during the purchase or redemption of the securities we
19 offered, redemptions from the Tanager Fund generally passed through the Advisor's
20 (Terrington Davies LLC) account in which I and my partner were both signatories. It was an
21 account that did not represent or offer securities purchased by our clients, nor did our clients
22 have any interest in the company. This is a very clear example of our commonly holding
23 customer property in a manner in which I, or we, held title interest, but no equitable interest in
24 assets that were customer property.

26 To more particularly describe my investment practice, I have enclosed as Exhibit A an
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1 accountant's report by Peterson Sullivan LLC for the activities dealing with the years ending
2 2004, 2005 and the 6 months ending 2006. Attached as Exhibit B is a short report regarding
3 Terrington Davies Tanager Fund LP.

4 One of the properties which the Trustee seeks to recover for the estate in his adversary
5 complaint (cause #11-1954) is 868 Montcrest Drive, Redding, California. That property was
6 purchased from redemption of nearly all capital units held by my business and my family
7 (community or separate, directly or indirectly) in Terrington Davies Tanager Fund LP and
8 transferred to Terrington Davies LLC. These funds were then wired to Placer Title Company
9 for the closing. I held title as "Adam Grossman" as an individual. This is but one example
10 where I held title interest in my name but not equitable interest. A copy of my subsequent
11 transfer to Terrington Davies Capital Management LLC is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
12 (Escrow made a mistake in describing me as an "unmarried man," likely by looking up other
13 deeds. At no point did I issue instructions anywhere to escrow to describe me as an "unmarried
14 man." This mistake, I believe, was irrelevant.)

15 I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that
16 the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

17 Dated this 11th day of January, 2012.

18 /s/ Adam Grossman
19 Adam R. Grossman

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION
FOR AN ORDER THAT THE
PRESENT PROCEEDING IS ONE
UNDER SUBCHAPTER 111, 11 U.S.C.
SECTION 741

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the **Motion for order that the present proceeding is one under subchapter 111, 11 U.S.C. 741 et seq.** IS SET FOR HEARING AS FOLLOWS:

JUDGE: Marc L. Barreca

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: U.S. Bankruptcy Court
700 Stewart St. Rm 7106
Seattle, WA 98101

DATE: February 17, 2012

IF YOU OPPOSE the Motion, you must file your written response with the court clerk, serve two copies to the Judge's chambers and deliver copies on the undersigned and the Chapter 7 Trustee NOT LATER THAN the RESPONSE DATE, which is February 10, 2012.

IF NO RESPONSE IS TIMELY FILED AND SERVED, the Court may, in its discretion, GRANT THE MOTION PRIOR TO THE HEARING, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE, and strike the hearing.

DATED this 12th day of January, 2012.

/s/ Jeffrey B. Wells

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OF CHAPTER 7 ESTATE AS A PROCEEDING UNDER
SUBCHAPTER III STOCKBROKER LIQUIDATION

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SECTION 741 ET SEQ.

- **PROPOSED** -

20 THIS MATTER having come on regularly before the above-signed Judge of the above-
21 entitled Court upon the motion of the Debtor for an order that this proceeding is one under
22 Subchapter III Stockbroker Liquidation, and notice having been given to all creditors and
23 parties in interest, and no opposition to said motion having been filed; Now, Therefore,
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25 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the present proceeding is a proceeding under
26 subchapter 111 11 U.S.C. section 741 et seq.
27 ORDER FOR TREATMENT OF CHAPTER 7 ESTATE
AS A PROCEEDING UNDER SUBCHAPTER III
STOCKBROKER LIQUIDATION - 1

1 /// End of Order ///

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3 Presented by:

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